1	2	3	4
WEST BENGAL			
Bandel	130	92	11
Santaidih	75	42	14
Kolaghat	400	314	15
Calcutta (CESC)	85	84	7
Titagarh (CESC)	105	94	14
South Gen. (CESC)	50	42	5
Durgapur (DPL)	110	42	9
Farakka STPS	600	393	10
Budge Budge	20	0	0
Total E.R.	3440	2561	21
N.R. REGION			
Bongaigaon	50	28	28
Total All India	18590	16263	15

[Translation]

Investment by Canada in Power Sector

225. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have requested to the Government of Canada to make investment in the power sector keeping in view the acute shortage of power in the country;

(b) if so, the conditions and other details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Canada Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Government of India and the Government of Canada on 8.1.1997 for a grant of Canadian $ 13.8 million over a period of three years for Energy. Infrastructure Services Project of Kerala. The purpose of the Project is to (i) assist Kerala with the organisational restructuring and policy reforms required in the power sector. (ii) examine the need for a suitable independent regulatory mechanism to promote and regulate the electric power industry. (iii) evolve norms. procedures, and the related documentation to associate the private sector in the development of various facets of the power industry. (iv) promote regional cooperation between SEBs in the southern region and (v) investigate the possibility of applying the project concept (restructuring and policy reforms) to other SEBs.

Moreover, under the policy for private sector participation in the power sector. Canadian Companies are eligible to invest in Power Projects.

[English]

Full Time Programmes in Martandom Low Power Transmitter

226. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide full time programmes in the Martandom Low Power Transmitter for which there are pressing demands and representations from the people of that area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) While the Low Power TV Transmitter (LPT) at Marthandam was commissioned on 9.12.95 pending staff sanction and is presently being run by deployment of staff, on tour. from elsewhere in Doordarshan network, thereby providing only part transmission, full time transmission from the LPT would depend upon availability of staff sanction for operation and maintenance of the project.

Restriction of Business Activities

227. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has restricted the business activities of Siemens, Birla Ericsson, RPG, Sterlite and Vikas Hybrid;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any representation has been received from any of these companies in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, action has been initiated to ban business activities against these companies as they were part of a group of Companies who formed a cartel in the tender opened on 21.5.96, for the supply of Optical Firbe Cable.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) An Enquiry Officer has been nominated by the Department and show cause notices have been issued to the Companies Representations received are under examination.

[Translation]

Derailment of Goods Train

228. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the derailment of goods train near Bhanwar Tank Railway Station (Katni – Bilaspur section in Madhya Pradesh) on February 3, 1997;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The accident was enquired by a Committee of Officers which has concluded that it occurred due to excessive difference in CBC height and tight gauge.

Setting up of Railway Crossing at Hatmabad

229. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any requests from various Members of Parliament for setting up of a railway crossing at village Hatmabad of Bulandshahar district in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Telecom Advisory Committee

230. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any action to reconstitute the Telecom Advisory Committee in Palakkad, Kesuloo, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Telecom Advisory Committee for Palakkad and Kerala Telecom Circle have already been constituted upto 30.6.1999 and 31.12.1998 respectively. There is no separate TAC for Kesuloo and such areas are normally taken care of by the Circle TAC.

[Translation]

Ban on Obscene Advertisements

231. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government intend to ban the obscene advertisements being telecast on Doordarshan channels to protect the Indian culture;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard so far; and

(c) the number of obscene advertisements banned so far ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Doordarshan telecasts commercial advertisements as per guidelines prescribed in the code for commercial advertising. The Code inter-alia does not permit indecent or obscene advertisements.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.